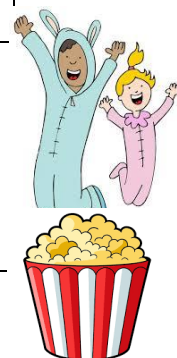


DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Week of Dec 9th, 2024 😊

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Dec. 10 SALAD BAR		Dec. 12 HOT LUNCH Vegetable Fried Rice	
	Dec. 17 SALAD BAR		Dec. 19 HOT LUNCH & Winter concert @ 6-7 pm @ the Community Hall	Dec. 20 PAJAMA & POPCORN DAY! Last day of classes * Winter Break: Dec. 23-Jan. 3, 2025
Jan. 6 First day back to school after Winter Break	Jan. 7 SALAD BAR		Jan. 9 HOT LUNCH	



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a wonderfully festive weekend at the Christmas Craft fair... and in such sunshiny, crisp winter weather! I marvelled at the vast array of artistic talent, from pottery, soap, cards, jewelry, jams and chutneys, stained glass, whales on a stick, to quirky beauty – wow! The food was incredible too!



A HUGE shout-out goes out to our parent volunteers and PAC, who helped cook, set up, and serve tacos at the Christmas Craft Fair this past weekend. I want to give a special shout-out to Tahiti Rey for spending countless hours prepping the tacos. Special mention also goes out to all the parent volunteers who provided behind-the-scenes know-how and enthusiastic participation at this school

fundraiser: Rebecca Nykwest, Lindsay McGinn, Alisha Black, Jon Linton, Scot and Jody Taylor, Matt Martel, Taina Uitto, Gerli Metsar, Sam Croome, Emily Anderson, Katie, Shel and Paola Brodsgaard, Jeremy Cartier, Rebeca Moore, and Daniel Farrow.



Thank you also to our student helpers: Arwyn, Freya, Hattie, Isabella, Mae, and Rowan.

Monies raised go toward supporting field trips and acquiring other important resources for the students. We sincerely appreciate everyone's tireless-work-with-a-smile! Gilakas'la!

Winter Concert Details

We are grateful to the hall committee for allowing us to practice IN the hall four times before the concert. Here are some important details about the concert on Dec. 19th...

Please show up to the hall at 5:30 pm at the latest (if you're not at the Farm2Family sit-down meal). Otherwise, we'll see you at 4:30 pm!

Winter Concert – Thursday, December 19th

We are going to deck the Community Hall with boughs of beauty, song, and theatrics on Dec. 19th! Here's the plan:

Morning – Decorate the Community Hall

4:30-5:30 pm – Farm2Family meal (sign up for this meal in the usual way)

5:30-6:00 pm – Quick clean-up (help appreciated!)

6:00-7:00 pm – Winter Concert

7:00 pm – Quick clean-up (help appreciated!)



Hot lunch Thursdays

Note from Bee: Gluten free/vegan/vegetarian will be available for all meals.



December Menu

Dec 12-Vegetable Fried Rice

Dec 19-Pizza and Caesar Salad

Bee has finished the 2025 menus. We'll be sending out the forms soon for these meals this week. (Thanks, Bee & Isabelle!)

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As you may know, I will be away in Ottawa with my family from Dec. 12-16. Daniel Farrow will be our teacher-in-charge. He will attend to some administrative duties.

Gilakas'la!

Amei Mai

Principal, Denman Island Community School

P.S. Check out more pictures from the Christmas Craft Fair below and Holiday Hamper from DICES below (keep scrolling!):





Holiday Hampers Volunteers and Information – Please read!

Hello friends!

This year has gone by in the blink of an eye and we are getting ready for our annual Hamper program where we share resources, time and energy with our community in celebration of the holiday season. Last year we were 44 volunteers strong and served over 90 people in our community!

We are once again asking for your help in our efforts on **Saturday December 21**. We need folks to help with the following tasks:

- Setting Up the Hall (8:00 am - 9:00 am)
- Picking up Food with a truck or larger vehicle (frozen turkeys and hams in town return on the 9 am ferry, dairy and eggs from the general store later in the morning)
- Packing Food Hampers (9:00 am - 10:30 am and 10:30 am - 12:00 pm)
- Wrapping Presents (9:00 am - 10:30 am and 10:30 am - 12:00 pm)

- Delivering Hampers (12:30 pm - 2:00 pm)
- Cleaning Up the Hall (12:30 pm - 2:00 pm)

If you have the time and energy to participate again this year, please let us know at your earliest convenience and which task/time slot you would prefer. Wrapping presents is a great task to do as a family, kids are welcome to join caregivers/parents to help wrap gifts for the hampers. We hope to accommodate everyone's needs and look forward to sharing a good time together.

We will get back to you with your task and time on or by December 1; keep your eyes peeled for another email from us with that information.

If you wish to support Holiday Hampers this year but do not have the time/energy to volunteer, here are a few ways you can do that:

1.) donate to the campaign by e-transfer to dices.communityprograms@gmail.com put "holiday hampers" in the message.

2.) Adopt a Family! You can complete the online form [here](#) to apply to adopt a family by purchasing and sharing gifts for a family - you will be provided with non identifying information about your "adopted" family and we ask that gifts are dropped off at the DICES office in the school by December 18, 2024.

3.) deposit cash or cheques made out to DICES in the donation jars at the Denman Island General Store or at the Denman Hardware Store by December 18, 2024.

4.) drop new, unwrapped gifts in the donation box located at the Denman Hardware Store by December 20, 2024.

Looking forward to hearing back from you and sharing in the good cheer with you all.

Sincerely,

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DICES Team

Denman Island Community Education Society

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